

ARNOLD EXPEDITION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MIDDLE CARRY POND MEETING SET FOR JULY 19 - 20

All members of the Arnold Expedition Historical Society are invited to the Middle Carry Pond camp and campsite of Tom and Geno Dickson on the week-end of July 19-20.

There will be space available, on the shore of this beautiful lake, for tents, trailers and campers. In addition, there will be room at two camps for any ladies without camping equipment.

A directors meeting will be held Saturday evening. Assignments will be made for exploration of the Arnold campsites in search for evidence of the old log hospital and additional fireplaces.

A considerable amount of work still needs to be done on the cs-tablished trail, including clearing, blazing and measuring. Additional sections of the original trail need to be established, cleared and blazed. Trail workers should bring a power saw, ax, loping shears, or hand saws. Diggers should bring a garden hoe and small hand cultivator, a note book and a plastic bag.

Bring your own food and water, bedding equipment, insect repellent and camera.

To arrive at Middle Carry Pond head for Bingham, Maine and cross the bridge over the Kennebec River on Route 16. At the end of the bridge turn right and follow the West shore of Wyman Lake about 10 miles At the Carry Pond Camp sign turn left and follow this dirt road 4 miles to the next AEHS sign. The road continues through an opened steel gate and directly to the camp.

SOLON ANNUAL MEETING

At the Solon annual meeting, held on June 21 - 22, the following slate of officers and directors were elected:

Mr. White Nichols - President Mr. Robert Cunningham - Vice Pres. Mr. Harold Brown - Treasurer Mr. Fred Fassett, Jr. - Secretary

Mrs. Robert Kellogg (Bangor)
Mrs. Edward Giddings (Orono)

Directors (1 year term)

Miss Marguerite Kelley (Waterville)

Mr. Tom Dickson (Runford) Mrs. Helen Camp, Round Pond

We are proud to announce that Mrs. Helen Camp has joined our Society and will serve in a supervisory capacity on our archaeological staff. She will also be assisted by her husband, Millard Camp. Mr. and Mrs. Camp are well known for their notable work at the Pemaquid Restoration.

CO-OPERATIVE PROJECT PLANNED FOR "THE EVERGREENS"

"The Evergreens" campsite at Solon will soon be the scene of a cooperative archaeological project involving the AEHS, the Maine State Museum and the owner-managers of "The Evergreens," Ruth and Bill Perry.

Initial plans for the project include: (1) mapping the site in detail; (2) beginning a subsurface reconnaissance of the site through soil auger sampling; (3) developing test pits and trenches; (4) conducting at least a superficial survey to determine the configuration and archaeoligical potential of the adjecent river bottom and (5) assisting the Perrys in organizing and displaying the archaeological collections that they already have uncovered.

Such a project should provide an example of a state agency and a public organization working in cooperation for the benefit of the public Diggers wishing to participate in this project during the summer and fall season should contact Whito Nichols in Wiscasset.

ADDITIONAL TRAIL PROJECTS PLANNED

There will be additional trail research of the Arnold Trail later in the season in the Chain-of-Ponds and Height of Land area.

Programmed, but not scheduled, is exploration, location, designation, blazing, and mapping of the trail.

Our first headquarters camp will be at the beautiful Cathedral Pines campsite in Eustis, at the head of Flagstaff Lake, on the Dead River. Follow Route 27 through Stratton to reach Eustis. The scenery in this area is magnificent; a blend of mountains, lakes and streams, well insulated with a blanket of evergreens and hardwood. Come and bring your family. No date has been officially set yet.

YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

The first year of the AEGS has been difficult in forming an efficient organization. Many "bugs" have arisen, but also some welcome members have arisen to combat the "bugs."

We do have an ambitious program for long range planning and there is a chance for every member to participate.

The first year has also introduced some very interesting and promising developments. We are continually working on these developments and as soon as the details are worked out all members and the public will be notified. We believe that this newsletter is a good medium of communication.

Although the culmination of these projects will be most rewarding there will be some financial cost involved. Mediums of fund raising an immediate consideration. Those members that may have experience in this line are urgently requested to contact the officers of this societ in order that we may take advantage of current opportunities.

ANNUAL DUES NOW PAYABLE

Dues monies alone will not cover the costs involved in the projects mentioned on page two. Our expenses also include such items as: postag telephone calls, car mileage, extra secretarial work, legal papers and documents, taxes, traveling expenses, professional services and possible land acquisitions and building constructions. Dues money, however, is very helpful in maintaining the organization.

As a gentle reminder, all dues are now payable for the 1969-1970 fiscal year (July 1, 1969 - June 30, 1970) Membership fees are five dollars annually, including the new family plan of father, mother and children to age 19. Student membership fees are one dollar.

Members are reminded that we would like to contribute to the Sog-quicentennial celebration next year. Volunteers should contact Mr. White Nichols or Mr. Fred Fassett, Jr. There is plenty of room for you and your friends.

F. G. Fassett, Jr., Secretary